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[Region 5 FY15 RSO Workbook 12-11-14.xlsx](#)  
[2015 TRIBAL RSO LUST CLEANUP FUNDING REQUEST 2.docx](#)

Carolyn,

Sorry that our request has been delayed. This year I wanted to use our request as a check in point with senior regional management. The attached workbook has been reviewed by management. I have also attached a second spreadsheet with more detailed information about the LUST cleanup request.

I look forward to discussing it with you and the group on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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**Cc:** OUST Regional Liaisons; Lienesch, William; Barrows, Judy; Knighton, Erin; Hagan, Lela

**Subject:** Schedule, Agenda and Instructions for FY15 tribal regional strategic overview (RSO) calls

Hello everyone! I am looking forward to talking with all of you over the next several weeks for our annual RSO calls. Last years' calls with each of you were incredibly helpful and informative to me as an opportunity to know more broadly how our efforts are going in Indian country, and specifically to talk through your funding requests and gain a full understanding of your needs. This information was essential in our deliberations of how to distribute the limited resources we had available in the most effective manner.

Below is our schedule, a simple agenda, and instructions for getting background information for our FY15 tribal regional strategic overview (RSO) calls.

### **Schedule**

- Region 6 – December 9 (9:00-10:30am EST)
- Region 9 – December 10 (noon-1:30pm EST)

- Region 7 – December 15 (9:00-10:30am EST)
- Region 2 – December 15 (10:30am-noon EST)
- Region 8 – December 17 (10:30am-noon EST)
- Region 10 – December 17 (1:30-3:00pm EST)
- Region 5 – December 22 (10:00-11:30am EST)
- Region 4 – To be scheduled in early January

## **Agenda**

- Welcome, introductions, overview of agenda
- Discuss answers to narrative questions. Understand how you think the UST/LUST Indian country program is doing in your Region.
- Discuss your FY15 tribal program funding requests, with an eye toward your region's performance trends (e.g. significant operational compliance, inspections and tribal cleanup backlog).
  - *As a supplement to all of the other meeting materials included, the following topics are ones where HQ does not have information to provide for your, therefore no data is in the materials we prepared. Please come with answers to the following to supplement the other meeting materials provided: 1) number of inspections in Indian country your Region has planned for FY15, 2) whether your Region is on track to meet the 3-year inspection requirement in Indian country and 3) whether you had any enforcement actions in Indian country in FY14.*
- Wrap up and next steps

## **Information**

Similar to last year, we have pulled together information to facilitate our discussion. However,

this year we have posted the information on SharePoint in the Tribal UST-LUST folder within the Regional Program Manager's folder. (Instructions to find the materials on Share Point: Click on the word "SharePoint" in the previous sentence – this is a link to the site. Log in using your username and password. Click on "Regional Program Managers" on the left. Then click on the folder "Tribal UST-LUST." Then click on the folder "Tribal Regional Strategic Overviews." Then click on the folder "FY15 Tribal RSO Material.")

This information includes: 1) an Excel workbook with funding requests and trend information for each region and 2) the PowerPoint presentation you previously received on OUST's tribal cleanup backlog study.

We have not yet received all of the regional requests for funding. Therefore, we will update Tab 1 "FY15 Funding Requests" in the workbook as we receive the remaining requests for funding. *As a reminder, EPM tribal funding requests were due on Nov 24 and LUST prevention and cleanup funding requests are due by December 8.* Notice that the tab named "FY15 Funding requests" includes (as of today) only the requests from Region 6, 9, & 10. We have not yet received anyone else's request. We will update this tab as we receive your funding requests.

I recognize that we are providing you with a lot of information. However, I do not expect us to talk through all of the material provided, but rather to focus on notable elements, and if necessary, follow up on certain areas at a later time.

As always, I look forward to our discussions.

--Carolyn

**From:** Hoskinson, Carolyn

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**Subject:** Please send in your FY15 UST tribal funding requests

Dear Regional Program Managers and other UST tribal contacts –

This email kicks off the FY2015 Indian country (IC) Regional Strategic Overview (RSO) process in which I decide on regional and headquarters funding and distribute available money. As you know, the purpose of the IC RSO is to discuss regional tribal UST program:

- Policy and implementation successes and challenges; and
- Funding requests to help me make informed funding decisions.

Thanks to the feedback you have given us over the past year, we are doing some specific things in response:

- 1) When we discussed last year's RSO experience with you at the end of the process, you pretty much said it was a good process, but that it would help you if we could make decisions sooner. Of course, we can't totally make decisions on funding until we have a budget, but what we can do earlier is to gather your requests and discuss them with you - so that as soon as we do have a budget, we are prepared to make decisions quickly. The timeline I list below is our attempt to try to do just that.
- 2) In an ongoing effort to streamline our communication and coordination with all of you, we have decided to not include discussion of Tribal-related issues on the 3 hour end-of-year videoconferences, and all conversation about reflecting on your tribal program will be done during the RSO calls. Please feel free to provide feedback and suggestions on how well this works.
- 3) Last year, I made decisions about EPM funding first, and then about LUST prevention and

cleanup funding a few weeks later. Based upon your feedback, this approach worked well so I am repeating this process.

4) Based upon your feedback, OUST will again provide background information on your Indian country program prior to our discussion. We hope to have all that information ready to send to you about a week before your call.

5) Please keep the ideas and suggestions coming!

Caution: I continue to believe it is important for you to coordinate with your tribal partners while preparing your requests. However, we all know that the budget will be tight again this year and I anticipate not being able to fund every worthwhile project. I encourage you to keep this in mind when discussing potential projects and grants with tribal partners so as not to unduly raise expectations.

Regarding LUST Prevention: During our meeting with the Regional Division Directors last week, they suggested that we consider a national policy on when to give grants and issue federal credentials to tribes based on a minimum threshold number of UST facilities. I believe this is worth pursuing and will discuss it with you once we know our budget, and know better how conservatively we will need to draw that minimum threshold.

●□□□□□□□ By November 24, 2014, send your requests for EPM and LUST money that would carry you through March 2016

I plan to decide on these requests by December 15, 2014, or later if by then we do not yet have a final FY15 Appropriation and Operating Plan. OUST will distribute the money as soon as it is available.

●□□□□□□□ By December 8, 2014, send your LUST prevention and cleanup funding request

I plan to decide on LUST prevention and cleanup requests by February 28, 2014, or later if by then we do not yet have a final FY15 Appropriation and Operating Plan. OUST will distribute the money as soon as it is available.

- We plan to hold our Indian country RSO calls with you December 8 -19, 2014.

We are trying to space the timing of these calls from the 3-hour end of year calls, most of which are scheduled for January 2015. Thus, I want to try to hold our RSO calls during December.

*Barbara Grimm-Crawford* will send you an email with options for available times to schedule your RSO discussions.

*Please send all of your funding requests using the attached Excel spreadsheet to Bill Lienesch, Lela Hagan, Lynn DePont and me.*

*I have also attached a list of questions to guide our discussion on your call. See instructions on the Word Document.*

As always, thank you for your patience as we try to improve the funding process. Please provide your thoughts, comments, or concerns to Bill Lienesch at 703-603-7162 or me.

Carolyn

**From:** Hoskinson, Carolyn

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**Subject:** Heads up - start thinking about your FY15 UST tribal funding requests

Dear UST Regional Program Managers and other UST tribal contacts –

- 1) Please let me know if:
  - a. I've included someone who can be deleted from future messages about the Regional Tribal funding process, and also
  - b. if there's someone I should add!
- 2) Last year when we asked you for feedback on this process you asked for us to start the process sooner – so here we go! We are working to develop the updated versions of the new spreadsheets we started using last year, and while we're getting those ready – you can get started thinking about what you want to ask for!

While we don't know exactly what Congress will decide with regards to EPA's FY15 budget, we can safely predict that money will be tight, just like it has been in the past. We will most likely receive less money than the total of what you guys are going to ask for, so I anticipate we will again face tough decisions of what to fund.

With that in mind, as you engage your Tribal partners, please make sure you're not raising expectations that everything we want to do can be funded.

If you have any questions – contact Bill Lienesch.

- Carolyn



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